

A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMEMBER NATALYN MOSBY ARCHIBONG



**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND COUNCIL TO ACCEPT THE FINDINGS OF
THE CLEAN INDOOR AIR TASK FORCE; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Clean Indoor Air Task Force was created in February of 2003 to look at the impact of Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) and the adequacy of the City of Atlanta's current ordinances dealing with tobacco smoke in public places; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Indoor Air Task Force did gather and review empirical data that suggest that Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) does cause cancer in research mice and in human beings, and especially children with parents who smoke have a higher incidence of lung illnesses, such as bronchitis and pneumonia and can develop asthma; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) a carcinogen in 1993 and estimates that 3,000 American nonsmokers die each year from lung cancer caused by secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, this data also has shown that cities and states with smoking bans have not suffered economic ruin as suggested by the tobacco industry because of these bans and in some cases the restaurants and bars have experienced an increase in taxable sales when compared with prior year sales; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Indoor Air Task Force did suggest that the State of Georgia follow the states of California and New York by banning smoking in public places statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Indoor Air Task Force did not have as its charge the development of new legislation or recommending policy changes to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, all citizens visiting and employed in public places including restaurants in the city of Atlanta and the State of Georgia would benefit tremendously from a clean indoor environment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA as follows:

SECTION 1: That the findings of the Clean Indoor Air Task Force be accepted by the Mayor and City Council

SECTION 2: That the Clean Indoor Air Task Force findings are as follows:

- Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is recognized as a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer; and
- Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is a leading public health problem in the City of Atlanta and the United States.
- There exist conclusive evidence that Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is recognized as a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer.
- A non-smoker exposed to Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) has a much greater risk of developing disease.
- Workplaces have been shown to be locations of significant exposure to Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS).
- Both the Public Health Services National Toxicology Program and the World Health Organizations' International Agency for Research on Cancer identify Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) as a human Class A carcinogen and state that there is no safe level of exposure; and
- Normal ventilation cannot eliminate the health risk posed by Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS).
- Employers who eliminate smoking in the workplace report a dramatic decrease in the maintenance costs for their buildings.

SECTION 3: That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are and the same is hereby repealed.